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The Honorable John D. Dingell  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of October 30, 2007, jointly signed by Chairman Bart T. Stupak, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, asking the Government Accountability Office to review a number of issues regarding performance of the V-22 Osprey aircraft. Recently we received a related request from Chairman Henry A. Waxman, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

GAO accepts your request, with a clarification, as work that is within the scope of its authority. As discussed with Mr. Steven C. Rangel, we plan to join the two requests into one engagement. The requests have been assigned to Ms. Katherine Schinasi, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, and staff are available to begin the work. Ms. Schinasi or a member of her team will continue to stay in touch with Mr. Rangel to discuss the request, your needs, and the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Schinasi at 202-512-4841 or Ms. Rosa Harris, Assistant Director for Congressional Relations, at 202-512-9492.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Dawn  
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